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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Horst Grafe, et al
Serial No. : NOT YET KNOWN (PCT/EP99/05115)
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EXCHANGING SHEARS IN
THE CUTTING TO LENGTH OF STRIPS OR SHEETS
IN THE ROLLING OR TRANSPORT LINE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- Claim 1, line 6, change "characterized in that"
to --wherein--.
- Claim 2, line 4, change "characterized in that"
to --wherein--
- Claim 3, line 1, change "characterized in that"
to --wherein--
- Claim 4, line 1, change "claim 2 or 3, characterized in
that" to --claim 2, wherein--.

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